

REMARKS

Please reconsider the application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks. Applicant thanks the Examiner for his careful review of the present application and for indicating that claims 10-14 and 31-32 contain allowable subject matter.

I. Disposition of Claims

Claims 10-14 and 31-33 are pending in this application. Claims 10 and 33 are independent. The remaining claims depend, directly or indirectly, from claims 10 and 33.

II. Claim Amendments

Claim 10 has been amended to clarify the present invention recited. Claims 12 and 13 have been amended so as to depend from independent claim 10, rather than dependent claim 11. Claim 33 has been amended to correct antecedent basis. No new matter has been added by these amendments.

III. Specification Amendments

The specification has been amended to more clearly recite the present invention recited. No new matter has been added by these amendments.

IV. Oath/Declaration

The declaration was found to be defective for failing to include a dated signature of Kamila B. Abdur-Rahman. A renewed petition under 37 CFR § 1.47 is submitted with this reply showing the unavailability of Kamila B. Abdur-Rahman. It is respectfully requested that the application be examined without the signed Declaration of Kamila B. Abdur-Rahman.

V. Specification Objections

The amendments to the specification filed November 14, 2005, were objected to under 35 U.S.C. § 132(a) as introducing new matter into the disclosure. The specification has been amended by this reply to cancel the paragraphs beginning on page 9, line 7, and page 23, line 12. Thus, the objections are now moot. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

The specification is also objected to under 35 U.S.C. § 112, ¶ 1, as failing to be written in full, clear, concise, and exact terms. The specification has been amended by this reply to cancel the paragraphs beginning on page 7, line 20; page 8, line 15; page 9, line 7; page 21, line 16; page 22, line 15; and page 23, line 12. Thus, the objections are now moot. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

VI. Claim Objections

Claim 10 and claims 11-14 and 31-32 by virtue of their dependency from claim 10 stand objected to for containing informalities. Claim 10 has been amended by this reply to correct the informalities. Withdrawal of this objection is respectfully requested.

Claims 12 and 13 stand objected to under 37 CFR § 1.75(c) as being of improper dependent form. Claims 12-13 have been cancelled by this amendment. Thus, this objection is now moot. Withdrawal of this objection is respectfully requested.

VII. Rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. § 112

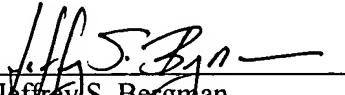
Claim 33 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, ¶ 2. Claim 33 has been amended by this reply to provide antecedent basis. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

VIII. Conclusion

Applicant believes this reply is fully responsive to all outstanding issues and places this application in condition for allowance. If this belief is incorrect, or other issues arise, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned or his associates at the telephone number listed below. Please apply any charges not covered, or any credits, to Deposit Account 50-0591 (Reference Number 05542/071002).

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